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WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE ON SENATE PASSAGE OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET RESOLUTION

This memorandum is to provide the Board with an update on the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 budget resolution (S. Con. Res. 11), which sets non-binding spending and revenue targets to guide Congressional action on fiscal legislation. The Senate adopted the conference report on the FFY 2016 budget resolution on a 51 to 48 vote on May 5, 2015, making it the first time that Congress has approved a budget resolution since 2009. The House adopted the conference report last week. S. Con. Res. 11 was passed in both houses without a single Democrat or Independent voting aye.

The budget resolution is not a bill, which goes to the President for his signature. Congress would have to pass separate legislation, which would go to the President, to implement any of its spending cuts. As indicated in the May 1, 2015 Washington, D.C. Update, the FFY 2016 budget resolution would balance the Federal budget deficit within 10 years by reducing mandatory (entitlement) spending by \$4.19 trillion and non-defense discretionary spending by \$496 billion, including \$2.04 trillion in savings from repealing the entire Affordable Care Act (ACA).

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The legislative outlook for FFY 2016 appropriations and other budget-related bills is unclear due to the divided government and deep partisan differences. The Republican-controlled Congress lacks the votes to override a Presidential veto and to overcome Democratic tactics to filibuster the passage of individual FFY 2016 appropriations bills in the Senate. However, the FFY 2016 budget resolution includes budget reconciliation instructions, which would allow the Senate to pass legislation to repeal the ACA or to amend the ACA or other statutes governing Medicaid on a simple majority vote rather than the 60-vote majority which otherwise would be required to pass such legislation.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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